STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-437

August 12, 2004

KENNEBUNK, KENNEBUNKPORT & WELLS WATER DISTRICT Tariff Revision to System Development Charges

CORRECTED¹ ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; DIAMOND and REISHUS, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

We approve a revision to the Schedule of System Development Charge (SDC) for the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District (District). The purpose of the revision is to reflect an adjustment due to inflationary changes in construction costs. This revised charge will apply to all new customers, and existing customers who increase their meter size. The charge does not apply to municipal or private fire protection service.

II. BACKGROUND

On July 1, 2004, the District filed revised rate schedules pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 307 and 6107 related to its System Development Charge, proposed to become effective August 9, 2004. The filing updated the District's existing System Development Charge for all new customers or existing customers who increase their demand for water as measured by an increase in the size or number of meters. The filing exempts all fire protection service from the SDC. The Commission suspended the schedules to allow Commission Staff further time to review them.

III. DECISION

The filing allows the District to update its SDC for new customers or customers who increase their meter size. The SDC for each meter size through 2" has been determined as described in Exhibit 1 attached to this Order.

The District has adopted the methodology used to calculate the System Development Charges for the York Water District (Docket No. 2002-432) and the Vinalhaven Water District (Docket No. 2003-047). The Commission found the methodology to be just and reasonable in both cases because it fairly apportions the cost impact of serving new customers based upon meter capacity and customer usage. We, therefore, will allow the rate schedules to go into effect on August 9, 2004.

¹ Tariff pages did not go out with the original order. They are attached to this Corrected Order.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

That the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District Revised Schedule of System Development Charge, consisting of Sheets 1 through 3, SDC – all Fifth Revision, filed on August 2, 2004, shall become effective on August 9, 2004.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 10th day of August, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond J. Robichaud
Acting Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:

Welch Diamond Reishus

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- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within **21 days** of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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